

To Joy Hill and the Vigala Singers

Christmas Eve

Christina Rossetti (1830–94)

GABRIEL JACKSON

Steady and still ♩ = c. 84

mp *mf* *mp* *f*

SOPRANO

Christ - mas_ hath a dark - ness_ Bright - er_ than the blaz - ing

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

(for rehearsal only)

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mp *mf* *mp* *f*

9 *mf* *p* *sfp*

S. noon, Christ - mas_ hath a chill - ness_ Warm - er_ than the

17 *mf* *mp* *p* *mp*

heat_ of June, Christ - mas_ hath a beau -

25 *f* *mf* *mp*

-ty Love - lier_ than the world_ can_ show: For Christ - mas_

33 *pp* *p* *pp*

bring-eth Je - sus, Brought for us so low_

Duration: 3 mins

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42 *mp* *mf* *mp*

S. Earth, strike up your mu - - - - - sic,

A. Earth, strike up your mu - - - - - sic,

T. Earth, strike up your mu - - - - - sic,

B. Earth, strike up your mu - - - - - sic,

mp *mf* *mp*

47 *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

Bir - ir-ir-irds that sing and bells that

Birds that si-i-i-i-ing and bells that

Birds that si-i-i-i-ing and bells that

Birds that si-i-i-i-ing and bells that

mf *f* *mf* *f*